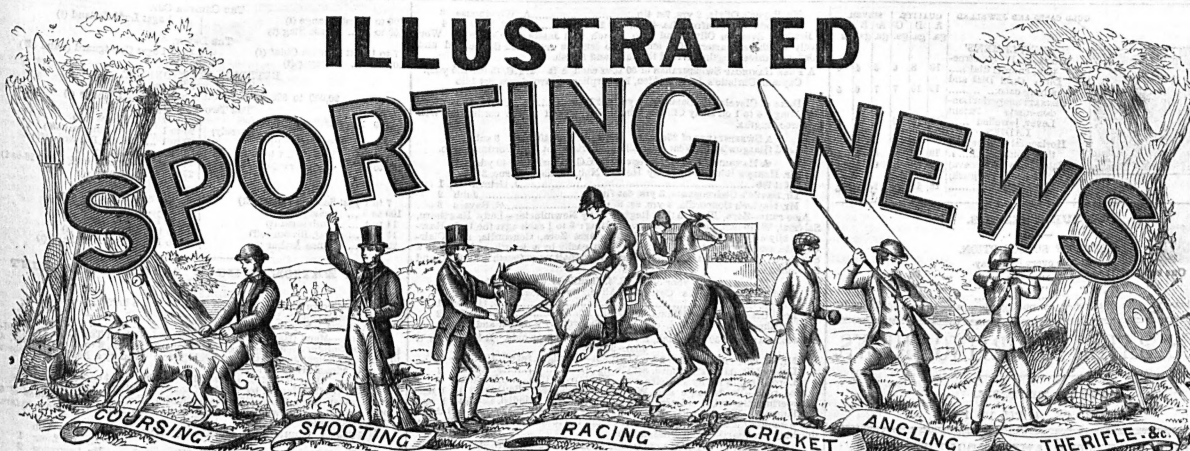


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THE HAMMER-THROWING AT OXFORD.

As they pass the pavilion "the Hammer" is observed and its weight is nicely tested. Did you ever see the hammer thrown, reader? I do not mean an ordinary hammer thrown in an ordinary fashion, but such as that used by the collegians trying their strength with its aid. It most nearly resembles a pavilion's hammer. The stem is long, and at the head there is a circular piece of iron. It weighs twenty-one pounds. It is not one of the "events" in the programme, of this, the champion's day's sports. I saw six men, fine stalwart fellows most of them were, trying their skill in the inclosure there two days ago. There are many ways of throwing; some are very eccentric and amusing. One retired six paces from the line of tape before which the hammer had to be tossed, and there held it out at arm's length, then swung it three times, taking a jump each time, and letting it go at the last. That did not succeed. Another stood by the line and swung it thrice backwards and forwards with terrific force, loosing the handle when it was at its greatest altitude. That made a capital throw, though not the best. Mr. Morgan, of Jesus College, whose physique was lighter than those of most of the others, then essayed, and he sent it eighty-three feet two inches. The way he threw was charming. Taking the hammer in his hand, he measured about four paces from

the line, and then turned his face from it. He held the bottom of the handle with the grip of a vice in both hands, extending them above his head. The firm set muscles, at the top of each arm, were visible beneath his shirt. For a few seconds he stood in this position, getting the perfect poise of the hammer; then he lowered it, waltzed round three times very rapidly, and, stopping just short of the line, let the unwieldy instrument loose. It had travelled upwards of twenty-seven yards when it fell to the ground, plunging up the turf. Strength is much, but skill is more in this contest. Mr. Morgan was probably anything but the strongest man among the six who threw this hammer, and a novice, though a strong man, would find it difficult, if not impossible, to throw it a score of yards in half a day's practice. I saw some tyros try. The result was rather amusing.—From "A Day with the Champion Athletes of the Universities," in *London Society*.

RABBIT COURSING.

A SWEETSTAKES, open to dogs of any weight, for money prizes amounting to £3, given by the proprietor, attracted about 400 persons to the City Grounds, Manchester, on Saturday afternoon. In consequence of the scarcity of rabbits, the sweep was confined to 16 quadrupeds, and after some capital sport Mr. Sharp's Gip secured

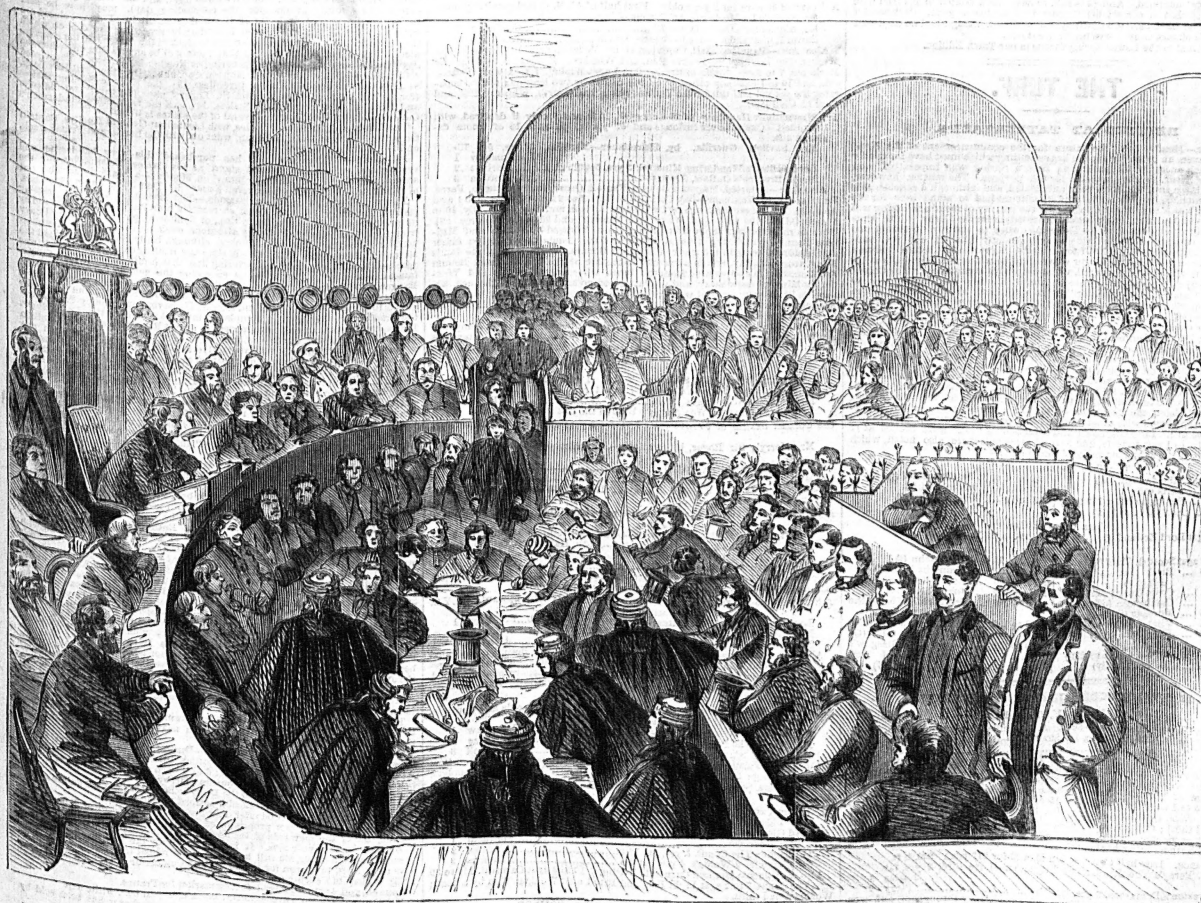
the first prize, and Mr. Gregson's Bill Lang came in for second honours.

Mr. J. HOLDEN, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, holds £2 a side on account of the match between S. Swift's Lill, of Longton, and E. Holmes's Lady, to run 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yds law, for £10 a side, and the dose must be repeated next Monday. To come off at the City Grounds, Manchester, April 25.

NIP AND BILL LANG.—Another deposit has been handed to Mr. J. Holden, making £5 a side down, for the match between W. Proudman's Nip and D. Gregson's Bill Lang, both of Manchester, to run the best of 21 courses, 55 yds law, for £25 a side. This event is fixed to take place April 30.

LADY AND MISCHIEF.—J. Holmes's Lady and W. James's Mischief, both of Longton, Staffordshire Potteries, are matched to run 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yds law, for £10 a side, on May 9th. Mr. J. Holden has received £1 a side, and £1 10s. a side is due next Monday.

LADY AND LADY.—For the match between J. Hall's Lady and J. Thornley's Lady, both of Hanley, Staffordshire, to run the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side, 60 yds law, Mr. J. Holden is in receipt of £3 10s. a side.



TRIAL OF THE WADHURST PRISONERS, AT LEWES.

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THE CHESTER CUP.

100 to 8 agst Change (t)
100 to 7 ... Little Stag (t)
7 to 1 agst Scottish Chief (t)
20 to 1 ... Forager (t)

THE DERBY.

15 to 1 agst Coastguard (t and off)
15 to 1 ...

BETTING AT MIDNIGHT.

THE CLARET STAKES.

20,000 to 500 on Lord Children agst Rapid Rhone (t)
20 to 1 ...

THE TWO THROAT.

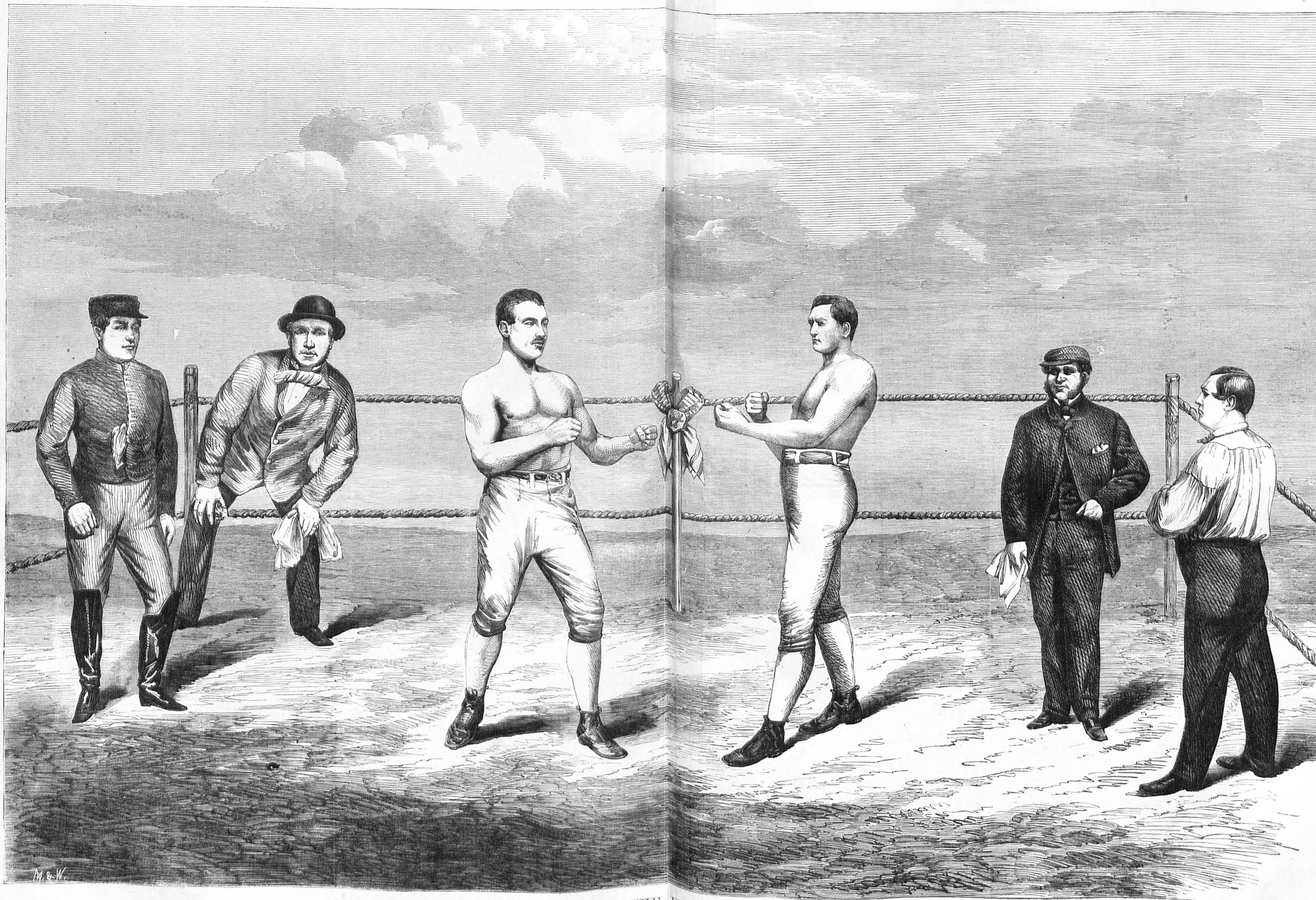
15 to 1 agst Planet (off)
15 to 1 ... Copenhagen (off)
20 to 1 ... Master Richard (off)
20 to 1 ... Molyneux (off)
20 to 1 ... General Peel (off, t 25 to 1 ... Durham (t)

THE DERBY.

25 to 1 agst Historian (off)
25 to 1 ... Paris (off)
40 to 1 ... Ackworth (t)
50 to 1 ... Blair Athol (t)
50 to 1 ... Master Richard (t)

Mr. Night's The Count, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb.....	Forcham	1
Sir J. Hawley's Woldga, 4 yrs, 8st 3lb	Loates	2
Also ran: Jarnickton and Carnival. Betting: 13 to 8 agst Carnival, 100 to 30	Thomas	3

to a stake for two year olds. It is hoped that by the contribution of breeders, a sum of £2,000 will be raised, to be added to a sweepstakes of 500s each, 10 ft. to be run for in the Second October or Houghton Meeting 1865; to close in February next.



THE WADHURST BATTLE.—THE PRINCIPALS AND THEIR SECONDS.

Tinley, Oeser, Marshall, Hewitt, V. Cameron, Bryant, and J. Huddleston.

ANDERSON'S ELEVEN.—Anderson (captain), Grace, Hayward, Jackson, Lockyer, Clarke, Greaves, Wills, R. W. Wardill, S. Cossick, and Simmons.

Marshall's list is—

PARR'S ELEVEN.—George Parr (captain), Cuffin, Carpenter, Tarrant, Tinley, Oeser, Marshall, Hewitt, Huddleston, and Cameron.

ANDERSON'S ELEVEN.—Anderson (captain), Hayward, Grace, Jackson, Clarke, Lockyer, Wills, Wardill, Cossick, Conway, and Bryant.

The subjoined letter has been received from George Anderson, and will be read with interest:

"Sir.—At half-past ten in the morning of Monday, January 25, 1864, the Twelve left Sandridge Pier, Melbourne, for New Zealand, per steamer Albion, Captain John McLean, commander. A large number of people were present at the embarkation to wish us a good voyage. The weather was very promising and the wind fair, but the late gales had caused rather a high sea, so to running, and after the vessel got fairly clear of the heads, she rolled a good deal, and sea-sickness was pretty general. We arrived off the 'Bluff,' for Invercargill, on Saturday morning, the 30th, landed mails and passengers, and then proceeded on our way, along a beach and rugged coast to Port Chalmers, where we anchored for the night, and stayed over the Sunday. We had here an opportunity of paying a visit to a Maori settlement, near the latter place, where we found much to interest and amuse us. On Monday morning, February 1st, a procession of the Twelve occupied a coach, formed, and we were towed to the jetty by the watermen of the place, amid the firing of cannon and a prodigious display of busting. An immense concourse of people, including Mr. Shadrach Jones, and a large number of his friends from Dunedin, were there to meet us, and after adding to the bustle of the Twelve, and an excellent luncheon partaken of at Mr. Dodson's hotel, a move was made for Dunedin, a distance of about ten miles, along a road recently made across the mountains, the rugged grandeur of which I will not attempt to describe. The Twelve occupied a coach drawn by six grey horses, the ribands being handled by the renowned 'Cabbage Tree Ned.' The journey was not made without risk, for independently of there being large trees frequently blown down across the road by the high wind, there was at certain points by the side of the road (which is well repented of) a descent of many hundred feet, and a mistake on the part of either driver or horses would have been a most fearful thing. I am happy to say that neither ourselves nor our numerous escort met with the slightest accident. Our reception at Dunedin for exceeded anything of the kind which has taken place in this part of the world, the streets being literally jammed with people, who made the air ring again with genuine English cheers. After a short interval, the Twelve visited the ground, which has only just been laid, and the night game of cricket was played, and the over cricket was played upon it was evident to us all that our abilities could not be displayed there. And so it proved, for, although we won our match easily enough, it was plain that the batsmen were in better fear all the time it was at the wicket, and that the bowler was labouring under the great impression that he was about to inflict some serious injury on the batsman. After the principal match was concluded, a kind of scratch match was got up between the Eleven and another side, which may be said to have been a 'Barnburners' match, inasmuch as it was not played out. Several university and public school men played in this twenty-two, but it would be unfair to offer any criticism of their play on such a wicket.

"On the evening of Friday, February 8, the Twelve left Dunedin, per City of Dunedin, for Christchurch. A boat procession was again formed to escort us on board, the pier being crowded with people to see us off. After dark the following evening we anchored in the beautiful little bay of Lyttelton, where a public reception would have been accorded us, but we did not get ashore until the following day being Sunday, and we were quite spent, and we had an opportunity of enjoying some of the most lovely scenery that can possibly be imagined. At nine the following morning, we started for Christchurch, traversing a winding and dangerous road, cut along the face of the mountains. One or two preferred to take the more dangerous route alternative of walking across the mountain, by what is called the 'Bridle-path.' At Heathcote, about six miles from Christchurch, a special train was kindly placed at our disposal, and which, in a few minutes, brought us to the end of our journey. An immense crowd of people were at the station, and we were met by the most cordial and friendly welcome. It was nearly three o'clock before the match was commenced, and in a very short time the Twenty-two lost all their wickets, leaving the small score of 31 runs. Although there were amongst them many good cricketers, and they played in first-rate matches in the Old Country, still they could not prevent Tinley and Lockyer from dominating them in the most summary way. The Eleven, having a specially good wicket, put together the respectable score of 137 runs, which the Twenty-two, although they showed much better cricket in several of their innings, could not reach, being out in one innings and two runs. Mr. Tennant deserves (for the running out) great praise for his play, and Rugby School may well be proud of having produced such excellent cricketers.

"In order to fill up the time, the Twelve being engaged to play up to Friday evening, sides were chosen by Parr and Anderson, and the Englishmen were divided, the sides being completed from the best of the Twenty-two. Some very good cricket was shown, Mr. Tennant again distinguishing himself, but, as it all went for nothing, no mention of it need be made.

"On the 12th, we left Christchurch, with the good wishes of our kind friends, for Lyttelton, and went on board the same steamer that brought us, arriving at Dunedin on the afternoon of Sunday, the 14th. To-day (February 15) it has been arranged for Grace and Parr to play any eleven of the Dunedin Twenty-two. After this is finished the Twelve are to play a single-wicket match, six on each side. Afterwards, we shall return to Melbourne, and fulfil our engagements at Castleman and Melbourne—the latter is an eleven a side match, the Twelve being divided. We then go to Sydney for a month, and play three matches.

"I suppose we shall find papers, &c., by last mail, waiting our arrival in Melbourne. We are all well.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

GEORGE ANDERSON.

"P.S.—We shall, if all be well, return to England by the mail leaving Melbourne about April 25."

SUPPORT.—The Debenham Club will commence practice for the season on Saturday, April 30. Mr. J. M. White has been elected secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. An effort is being made to increase the efficiency and prestige of the Beccles Club, for the purposes of which the Local Corporation has set apart and put in suitable condition a portion of the Common.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Ashleby Club has commenced its season. On dit, that some good cricket is in contemplation. Mr. W. R. Ringwood has been elected president, Messrs. W. Bridges and T. Reed vice-presidents, and Mr. R. Thomas captain of the Cambridge College of matches played last year by this club. It has been arranged for Grace and Parr to play any eleven of the Dunedin Twenty-two. After this is finished the Twelve are to play a single-wicket match, six on each side. Afterwards, we shall return to Melbourne, and fulfil our engagements at Castleman and Melbourne—the latter is an eleven a side match, the Twelve being divided. We then go to Sydney for a month, and play three matches.

RABBIT FANCY.—NORTH LONDON FANCY RABBIT CLUB.—A few gentlemen residing in the northern part of the metropolis, who are great admirers of the fancy rabbit, have formed a club, and have established one at Mr. Mortimer's, the Albion Tavern, Thornhill-road, Barnsbury. Judging from the attendance on the first meeting, a great success. Their purpose is to meet on the first and third Mondays in the month. Mr. T. Appleton is the chairman.

NURD AND SPELL.—CAMBRIDGE ARMS, LEXINGTON.—The match between Kilbury and Linton, for £50, resulted in a forfeit on the part of the former, who refused to play. Mr. J. K. Kilbury has been elected articles and £5 a side for a match at nurd and spell, for £50 a side, between Mr. Thompson (the veteran), of Barnsley, and W. Horrocks of Gildersome. Another match of £10 a side has to be made good on the 18th. The match is to be played at South Common, near Wakefield, on Whit-Monday, May 15.

SHOOTING.

MACCLESFIELD.

SEABOY SMOORING.—Moss Rose.—On Monday last there was a goodly number of spectators assembled at the above grounds, attracted by the announcement that a handsome silver cup would be shot for on that day. The prize was 25 yds rise, 14 oz shot, the 18th shot, the 19th shot, the 20th shot, the 21st shot, the 22nd shot, the 23rd shot, the 24th shot, the 25th shot, the 26th shot, the 27th shot, the 28th shot, the 29th shot, the 30th shot, the 31st shot, the 32nd shot, the 33rd shot, the 34th shot, the 35th shot, the 36th shot, the 37th shot, the 38th shot, the 39th shot, the 40th shot, the 41st shot, the 42nd shot, the 43rd shot, the 44th shot, the 45th shot, the 46th shot, the 47th shot, the 48th shot, the 49th shot, the 50th shot, the 51st shot, the 52nd shot, the 53rd shot, the 54th shot, the 55th shot, the 56th shot, the 57th shot, the 58th shot, the 59th shot, the 60th shot, the 61st shot, the 62nd shot, the 63rd shot, the 64th shot, the 65th shot, the 66th shot, the 67th shot, the 68th shot, the 69th shot, the 70th shot, the 71st shot, the 72nd shot, the 73rd shot, the 74th shot, the 75th shot, the 76th shot, the 77th shot, the 78th shot, the 79th shot, the 80th shot, the 81st shot, 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WARWICK COUNTY CLUB.
The county club have made arrangements to play the following
MATCHES FOR 1864.
June 20, at Warwick.—Gentlemen of Warwick v. Gentlemen of
Leamington.

JUMPING.—AUDENSHAW.—H. Swales, of Church, and R. Artington, of Audenshaw, have signed articles to jump, at stand, ten hops and jump, for £10 aside, at the Snipe Grounds, on the 2nd of the ensuing month, for £10 aside.

where he perched and amused himself with trying to open the Bible, and when the vicar went to the altar Jack took his place at the reading-desk, and appeared busy studying the morning lesson till about the middle of the sermon, when an old gentleman put his spectacles down

SOUTHAMPTON AMATEUR REGATTA CLUB.—A general meeting was

Night" is announced to be enacted on the 300th celebration of the poet's natal day, and after then the Haymarket company proceed to Stratford-on-Avon, for the purpose of giving a dramatic entertainment in the birthplace of the Immortal Bard.

PRINCESSES.

Shakespeare's laughter-loving "Comedy of Errors," admirably produced, and capably acted, forms the staple attraction to the *habitués* of Oxford and Regent-streets. The Brothers Webb as the *Twins* *Dromios* and the excellent essayment of Messrs. Vining and ... in the two *Antipatros*, cause considerable interest to be manifested in the play, which is twice honoured by the presence of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princesses Helena, and Louisa, while on the boards of this house. Watts Phillips' effective drama of "Paula's Return" proceeding the comedy, which has been followed by Morton's risable comedy, "Drawing Room, Second Floor, and Original," "Donna Diana," with Mr. ... Verzin in their original roles, and ... underlined.

LYCEUM.

"The Bill of Fare" remains unchanged, though for the present Mr. C. Fiechter, in consequence of his indisposition, resigns his part in "Bel Demonio" to Mr. Jordan. "Hamlet" is on the tapis for reproduction.

ADELPHI.

In consequence of the extraordinary attraction of Miss Bate man's unqualified assumption of the wronged Jewish maiden in "I eah," there is no change required. On the other side of the Atlantic the *Leah* of Miss Ellen Bateman achieved unbounded triumph, and even now, perhaps, no actress wages so much warm sympathy from an audience as this charming *artiste* does on the stage of far-famed Adelphi. The screaming farce, "Ici on Parle Francais," and the mirth provoking "Area Belle," form excellent contrasts to the great drama.

OLYMPIC.

The roaring trifle of "B. B." and the adventures of the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" prove so attractive and remunerative that alteration is rendered unnecessary.

The "Silver Lining" continues to shine conspicuously on those boards, in spite of all that has been indited in the public journals, depreciating its merits; the chief characters, by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mathews, alone warranting success "A Day after the Wedding," "Cool as a Cucumber" and "Under the Rose," have been the counter attractions.

ASTLEY'S.
 "Rosario; or, The Chain of Guilt," and the extravaganza, tho
 "Trip of Gold," have remained the principal *pieces de resistance*
 this week. The acting and qualities of these productions we have
 previously commented on, and therefore there is no need for criti-
 cism. The house fills well, and the audience appear fully to
 appreciate the entertainment provided by Mr. Smith for their

Mr. Craven's *petite* comedy yclept "My Preserver," has preceded Byron's great and glorious conical, classical, and legendary extravaganza of "Orphus and Eurydice," and the screaming sketchette entitled "Turn Him Out." In the first-named piece Miss Ella Johnstone, a pretty and vivacious young actress, made her debut with marked success, and obtained a fair share of appreciation from

the frequenters of this house.

SADDLERS' WELLS.

Mr. G. V. Brooke has been essaying in a round of his celebrated characters, in conjunction with the old favourite, Miss Marriott; previous to his departure for Australia. On Monday, "Jones Scientific" dressed capably. Mr. Brooke and Miss Marriott enacted "The Marriage of Figaro," "Othello," with the "Star" as *Desdemona Moor*, held dominion on Tuesday, and "The Love of the King" on Wednesday. Mr. Brooke as the wily Cardinal, and the fair dressiness in the role of *Julie*, met with success on Wednesday. On Thursday "Jones Scientific" rode a red horse, and "The Love of the King" was again well-worn "Blue Jackets"; or, the Standard of England nightly with the company. On Monday next the Poet's Memorial Fugue will be given.

STANDARD.

Mr. Coopers Operatic Association, lately at Sadlers' Wells, is fulfilling an engagement for the gratification of the Shoreditch folks. This week we have had "Satanelle," "Fra Diavolo," "The Barber of Seville," with the stereotypes of "The Yankee Gal" (Miss A. Kemp), and the farce of "The Two Gregorios," supported by Madame Tonnillier, Mr. Bowler, Mr. O. S. Sweeney, and a sufficient

By special desire "The Scottish Chief," an interesting romantic drama, founded on a serial novel by Miss Jane Porter, has been revived; Mr. J. Anderson enacting Wallace, the hero of the story, and with considerable force and effect, assisted by Miss G. Panton, as Helen, and the company in their respective parts. A new language, called "Miss Lear," or, the Maid, the Marriage, and the Maladiction, is the last novel, and, under the guise of amusing outrageous puns at the infidelity of the Hebrew fraternity, many well-directed shafts are pointed at political absurdities. Mr. Danvers, as Lear, evinces real comic humor; Miss E. Nichols is as *Redolph*; Lorenz, Mr. J. W. Ray; *Bertolph*, Mr. B. Wright; Sarah, Mr. Andrews, and the remainder of the dramatic persons deserve infinite praise. The production of the second part of "Honey and the Fourth," is underlined, and the resources of the establishment will be called into requisition.

That marvellous melodious Irish ditty, entitled "Kato Kearney," after revelling in the prose columns of *Bow Bell*, has at length been dramatically adapted to suit the company engaged at the wings of this famed bird of prey. Mr. Kearney, the hero, the successful Thespian votary, whose contributions have been long popular with the East-end multitudes. In his present work, Mr. Travers has excelled any former efforts of his pen, and, interspersed with the plot is with striking and picturesque Irish scenery, and stirring situations, there is no doubt but that "Kato Kearney" will have a long run. The play connects the heart of the heroine with Mr. J. B. Steele, *Capt. Cornarant*, her cousin, Mr. Jackson, *Lord Deobury*; Mr. Manning, *The Artist*; and Mr. Mead, *Allen Fairfield* (Kato's lover), in their most approved manners, and receive due appreciation. "Deborah," prefaced by a new Ballet d'Opéra, founded on "Mammoth; or, the Fisherman of Naples," winds up the entertainment, and, in the transcendent "Torch-song," the abilities of Miss Laura and Miss Bella Conquest, and their beautiful corselets.

VICTORIA.

Madame Celeste, in her clever personation of *Rudiga*, in the drama of the "Woman in Red," entralls the attention of myriads of Lambethians; and, being in itself a really good piece, of more than average merit, there is every likelihood of its retaining its position for some time. The "Dancing Scotchman," introducing Mr. B. H. Kitchen as *Sandy McFarlane*, and "A Day after the Wedding," precedes and follows Mr. Carmichael.

CITY OF LONDON.
A domestic drama of startling sensational interest, entitled the "Warning Voice; or, the Trials of Two Hearts," has afforded good scope for the excellent abilities of Messrs. W. Travers, J. F. Young, C. Steyne, and Leslie; Mrs. Morison Brooks, and Miss Clifton; the after-piece being the "Convict," sustained by the company. The winter season at this house will shortly terminate. Mr. Frederick Marchant assumes the management on Whit-Monday, when a powerful drama by the late Mr. G. R. Jones, entitled "The Sower," will be presented.

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